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RIDING IN STYLE

The MTA will be adding 2,042 new state-of-the-art buses to its transportation fleet in the next five years. Commuters can expect the first batch next month. 2



A rendering gives a glimpse at the new buses. OFFICE OF GOVERNOR ANDREW CUOMO

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

CHINA, SOUTH KOREA STEP UP SANCTIONS ON NORTH KOREA

China has barred a North Korean freighter from one of its ports and South Korea announced a crackdown on individuals and companies linked to Pyongyang's weapons program, stepping up sanctions against the isolated state. North Korean general cargo ship Grand Karo arrived at Rizhao port in northeastern China a few days ago, but the port did not allow the ship to berth, said a person at the Rizhao Maritime Authority, declining to be identified because he was not authorized to speak to the media. The ship is among 31 vessels blacklisted by China's Ministry of Transport after they were covered by harsher sanctions on North Korea that were approved by the U.N. Security Council last week. **REUTERS**



FCC PROPOSAL FOR \$9.25/ MONTH LOW-INCOME BROADBAND SUBSIDY

The head of the Federal Communications Commission circulated Tuesday a final proposal seeking approval for a \$9.25 monthly subsidy for low-income Americans to get broadband Internet access. Since last year, the FCC has been considering revamping the \$1.5 billion annual program, called Lifeline, which has helped lower income Americans get access to telecommunications technologies since 1985. FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler has said he wants to give those receiving the subsidy a choice of using it for phone services, high-speed Internet or both. But households will get only a single \$9.25 a month subsidy that would apply to both services. The program currently helps about 12 million U.S. households afford landline and mobile phones, according to agency estimates. **REUTERS**

SHARAPOVA STARTS TO COUNT COST OF FAILED DRUG TEST

Swiss watchmaker TAG Heuer said Tuesday it was severing ties with Maria Sharapova as the world's highest-paid female athlete started to count the cost of a failed drug test and likely ban from tennis. Sports firm Nike and German luxury car maker Porsche also said they were suspending their relationship with the five-time Grand Slam champion as the 28-year-old Russian awaits a decision on whether she will be banned. The failed drug test at January's Australian Open, one of four annual Grand Slam events, will be costly for her at a time when sports bodies and sponsors are taking a tough line following a series of corruption and doping scandals. **REUTERS**



The new buses will feature USB charging ports and free Wi-Fi hotspots. **OFFICE OF GOVERNOR ANDREW CUOMO**

MTA to roll out buses with Wi-Fi

A total of 75 of the first fleet of vehicles, which also include charging ports and safety systems, will debut in Queens this month.



The MTA is getting a face-lift in the coming years, which aims to keep commuters connected from the moment they hop on a bus to when they get off a train.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo and MTA Chairman and CEO Thomas Prendergast announced Tuesday the agency would add 2,042 state-of-the-art buses to its transportation fleet in the next five years.

The buses — which will begin to hit the streets next month — are expected to be equipped with USB charging ports and free Wi-Fi hotspots, and will replace close to 40 percent of the MTA's current fleet.

"We're reimagining the MTA to improve services for all New Yorkers," Cuomo said. "Today's world demands connectivity, and we're meeting that challenge with state-of-the-art buses and a major overhaul of the MTA's fleet. This upgrade will create a stronger, more convenient and more connected mass transit system for years to come."

The first batch of 75 buses — which are being manufactured by New Flyer Industries — will make their debut later this year in Queens. Over the next two years another 70 buses will hit the streets in Brooklyn, 209 in the Bronx and 18 in

The MTA is also in the process of upgrading existing buses with Wi-Fi and USB charging ports, and by the end of 2017 all express buses will include the amenities.

"[This generation] grew up with a smartphone in one hand and a tablet in the other," Prendergast said. "Customers expect this level of technology in the system they use because it is available in other aspect of their lives."

The agency has also begun a new pilot program this year to install two to three LCD digital information screens on 200 buses.

Commuters will be given up to date information

said had almost of a "Ferrari-like look" to them — are part of the state's efforts to significantly transform and modernize the MTA and its infrastructure. The state is contributing \$8.2 billion to help fund the MTA's \$26.1 billion 2015-2019 Capital Program, of which \$1.3 billion is being used on the new fleet of buses.

"Part of this is just modernizing the service," Cuomo said. "This is going to be a new day, and what the MTA is trying to reach is mobility plus productivity."

During Tuesday's announcement, Prendergast also said the MTA is rolling out two bus safety programs. One will allow buses, through the use of outdoor speakers, to alert pedestrians that a bus will be turning. A total of about 40 buses will

have this system by the end of the year. The second program, called an active collision system, will alert surrounding vehicles that they are too close to a particular bus.

"More than 2 million people depend on New York City buses on its busiest days, and as the governor has made explicitly clear, we must enhance our transit system to improve everyone's daily experience."

Ronnie Hakim, MTA NYC Transit President

Manhattan. The remaining buses will be assigned throughout the five boroughs from 2018 through 2020.

There will be 35 to 55 USB ports throughout the new buses.

available on upcoming stops, available transfers, weather and other news — including real-time communication from the bus command center.

Cuomo added that the buses — which he

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Prosecutors say no charges in NYPD shooting of black teen

Ramarley Graham, 18, was shot and killed in 2012 in his Bronx apartment after being followed by police officers.

Federal prosecutors have decided not to pursue criminal charges against a white New York City police officer accused of shooting an unarmed black teenager to death in the Bronx in 2012 in a case that has drawn attention from civil rights advocates.

Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara's statement marked the end of an investigation into the death of Ramarley Graham, 18, who was shot inside the bathroom of his Bronx apartment after being followed by police officers.

Bharara's office said there was "insufficient evidence" to pursue charges against Richard Haste, the officer who shot Graham, on Feb. 2, 2012. The evidence indicated Haste believed Graham had a firearm and was reaching for it, the statement said.

Bharara's statement came shortly after he met with Graham's parents, Constance Malcolm and Frank Graham, who held a press



A woman holds a candle during a vigil for Ramarley Graham outside New York City Police Department's 47th Precinct on March 22, 2012, in the Bronx. GETTY IMAGES

"Same as usual, black life doesn't matter."

Frank Graham, Ramarley Graham's father

conference along with more than a dozen supporters outside the U.S. attorney's offices after the meeting.

Malcolm called the decision a "slap in the face," saying Haste "murdered my son."

"Same as usual, black life doesn't matter," Frank Graham said, adding that they would push for Haste's termination.

Bharara's announcement comes amid heightened attention to the use of police force

against minorities following nationwide protests in cities such as Baltimore and Ferguson, Missouri.

New York City police officer Peter Liang was convicted of manslaughter last month for his

shooting of an unarmed black man, 28-year-old Akai Gurley, in the dark stairwell of a Brooklyn housing project.

In 2014, a grand jury declined to charge an officer in the chokehold death of another unarmed black man, Eric Garner, sparking city-wide protests. A federal investigation is ongoing.

Haste was indicted by a grand jury in the Bronx on state manslaughter charges in June 2012. A judge later dismissed the indictment, saying prosecutors gave the grand jury improper instructions.

A second state court grand jury in August 2013 decided not to re-indict Haste.

Police have said that several officers who had seen Graham on the street — including Haste — suspected he had a gun because of the way he moved his hands near his waist.

Haste and a partner followed Graham to his apartment building and kicked down his apartment door.

Haste shot Graham in the chest in a bathroom, police said.

In January 2015, New York City agreed to pay \$3.9 million to resolve a federal lawsuit by the Graham family over the killing. REUTERS

BRIEFS

Sketch released of man who pushed teen onto subway tracks in Queens

Police have released a sketch of a man they say pushed a 17-year-old girl onto subway tracks in front of an oncoming train last weekend in Queens.

On March 5 at about 8:39 p.m. the victim was on the 7 train platform at the Roosevelt Avenue and 103rd Street subway station when a man approached her from behind and pushed her onto the tracks as a train was approaching, authorities said. The train's motorman saw the teen on the tracks and was able to activate the emergency brake,



according to police. The girl positioned herself between the platform and the wheels of the train.

The teen was taken to Elmhurst hospital with only minor injuries. Police describe the suspect — who fled toward the street area — as a Hispanic man, in his mid to late 20s, and about 5-feet-5. He was last seen wearing a black jacket, white T-shirt, gray pants and white sneakers. Authorities previously released video of the suspect fleeing the scene. Anyone with information is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 800-577-TIPS or for Spanish 1-888-57-PISTA (74782). ANGY ALTAMIRANO

What happened to this Bellevue nurse?



Mahfuza Rahman NYPD

A Bronx woman last seen in December is now the subject of a missing person investigation as police search for clues to find her.

Police said Mahfuza Rahman, 30, was last seen on Tuesday, Dec. 8, as she left Bellevue Hospital, where she worked as a nurse.

On Monday, authorities were searching her Bronx home after co-workers reported Rahman missing on Friday, the New York Post reported. Her husband, Mohammad Chowdhury, had told her

colleagues in December that she traveled to Bangladesh and would return in March.

Their Bronx neighbors said Chowdhury told them the same thing and that he, too, would be going to Bangladesh with their daughter, the New York Daily News reported. No one has returned to their home since December.

"Right now, it's a missing person investigation," an official told the Daily News. "We

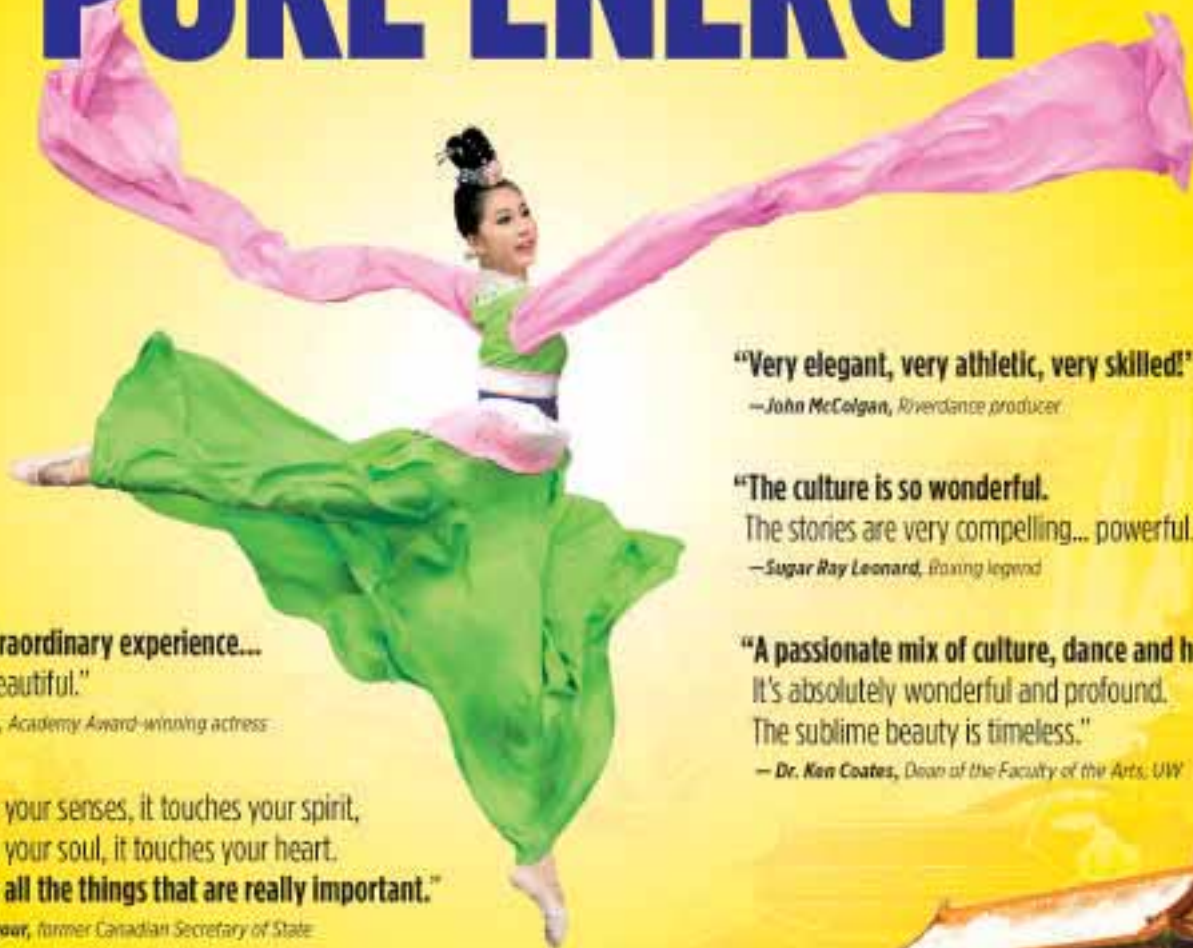
don't have any evidence of foul play. She could have just left."

Detectives focused on a second-story back room in their Bronx home and dug up recently laid concrete in front of the home, sources told the Post.

Investigators reportedly found it unusual that she did not call Bellevue before leaving, and a source said to the Daily News that police are trying to secure warrants to examine the family's financial records. JASON NUCKOLLS

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Williamsburg chef looks to open Japanese-style fish market

The mission of the market will not only be to sell customers seafood, but also teach them how to prepare and cook a variety of fish.



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One Brooklyn restaurant owner and chef is looking to make buying and preparing fish a lot easier for New Yorkers.

Yuji Haraguchi of Brooklyn's Okonomi and Yuji Ramen is looking to open a Japanese-style fish market later this summer just blocks away from his restaurant located at 150 Ainslie Street in Williamsburg.

Through the market, Haraguchi plans to sell high-quality domestic East Coast seasonal seafood to the community, while also offering the knowledge needed to prepare each kind of product at home.

"My intention before even starting Okonomi was to find a way to showcase the underutilized seafood from the Atlantic Ocean," Haraguchi said.

He added that before introducing customers to the whole fish, he had to first showcase the different meals that could be prepared with the variety of fish through dishes at



Saba Tokyo fish GEORGE PADILLA

his restaurant.

Then through the years, customers began asking where they could purchase the fish offered at Okonomi. That's when the "natural progression" of creating the market began.

According to the Japanese chef, the mission of the market — which will be called Osakana, meaning "honor your fish" — will be to help connect New Yorkers with local fish and give more diversity to their meal options at home.

"We're trying to build a bridge between New York City customers and the Atlantic Ocean," he

said. "New York City is a seafood town, and that's what we are trying to tell people."

Along with offering a wide variety of domestic American fish — prepared in a Japanese style — customers will be shown how to clean and cut the fish, and each day fish will be prepared individually for customers.

The Osakana market will also offer a community space where people will be able to go and participate in discussions, meals, tastings and classes.

"Not many people talk about how to cut the fish, how to clean it. So much happens before you cook

the fish," Haraguchi said. "We are going to take it one step at a time."

The chef added that normally when customers purchase fish they only get a small portion of the actual whole fish, with a large percentage of the animal being thrown out.

As part of the market, customers will learn how to utilize the "extra parts" of the fish so nothing goes to waste.

"You are missing so much. People don't know what is being thrown away," Haraguchi said. "You are paying for the whole fish, but you don't get the whole fish."

"We're trying to build a bridge between New York City customers and the Atlantic Ocean. New York City is a seafood town and that's what we are trying to tell people."

Yuji Haraguchi, of Brooklyn's Okonomi and Yuji Ramen



Rendering of the Osakana fish market YUJI HARAGUCHI

He also said that he would also like the market to be a place where fishermen will flock to because they'll feel a sense of pride on the way the fish are showcased at Osakana.

In order to fund the market, Haraguchi has turned to Kickstarter as a method to get the community involved in its creation. He said it is a way for customer appreciation to be seen before the market is even opened.

Although the goal for

the campaign is \$50,000 — of which over \$30,000 has already been pledged — any additional contributions will go toward adding a ramen bar to the location and also building out the kitchen.

"I'm just excited to see how many more customers that we don't know see how important and necessary this is," he said. "We are going to take care of each customer differently, depending on their comfort with the fish."

Dog-walker opens fire on a Harlem street

A man opened fire Monday afternoon in Harlem as he was walking two dogs and now police are asking the public's help in tracking him down.

Surveillance video captured the man walking, then pausing before shooting his gun in broad daylight.

The dogs crouched down in fear as the man fired the weapon several times before leading the dogs back and running in the direction from which they came, CBS reported.

Police said that the incident happened in front of 303 East 111 Street. It was unclear who the suspect was shooting at and why. There were no reports of injuries.

The suspect was described as wearing a large green jacket with a baseball cap and white headphones, according to police. They are asking for the public's help in locating and identifying him. Call the NYPD Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-8477. JACLYN MARR



The man's dogs were seen cowering as he shot his gun out of frame. NYPD

Officer shot

NYPD cop shot in Bushwick

Police had two suspects in custody and sought a third Tuesday night after an officer was shot in Brooklyn.

The shooting happened near Troutman Street and Wilson Avenue in Bushwick just after 6 p.m., according to police.

The cop was taken to Elmhurst Hospital after being shot in the shoulder, NYPD spokesman Carlos Nieves tweeted Tuesday night. The officer is in "stable condition" and is "conscious, alert and talking,"

according to Nieves.

Two suspects were in custody and a third man was still at large, he said.

Mayor Bill de Blasio left Boston Tuesday night en route to the Queens hospital, according to reports from NBC. He was reportedly there attending funeral services for the father of NYPD Commissioner Bill Bratton. The officer was not identified as of deadline.

The incident marks the sixth time since January an NYPD officer has been shot in the line of duty. CRISTABELLA TUMOLLA

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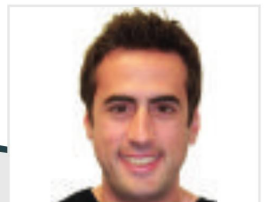
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- Faberge jeweled lily of the valley leaf piece starting from \$200,000
- 1915 painting by French artist Edouard Vuillard starting at \$120,000
- Custom gowns made by Bob Mackie

Fans of the late Joan Rivers will have the chance to buy items from the acerbic comedian's New York home at an auction later this year, auctioneers Christie's said on Tuesday.

Pieces of art, jewelry, furniture and clothing will be among the 200-plus lots from Rivers' Manhattan penthouse on sale June 22, with starting bids from \$500 to \$200,000.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale will go to two charities, one to help people living with AIDS and cancer, and the other to benefit guide dogs for the blind, Christie's said.

Rivers, known for her no-holds-barred comedy, died in 2014 aged 81 following complications during an outpatient medical procedure. Her estate was left to her daughter Melissa Rivers, who memorialized her relationship with her mother in last year's

biography "The Book of Joan."

Melissa Rivers said in a statement that the auction "offers a 'through the keyhole' experience for fans" of her mother, and "celebrates her elegance and collecting style."

"My mother's legacy as a much loved comedienne and philanthropist will be commemorated in this collaboration with Christie's and her generosity to charitable causes is something I will continue in her honor," Melissa Rivers said.

REUTERS

BRIEF

Juror who dated defendant, caused hung jury, now pleads guilty

A Bronx juror whose love for the defendant in her trial led to a hung jury pleaded guilty to lying during her jury selection but says she only made a mistake.

Devon Thomas' 2012 murder trial ended with a hung jury when Katherine Diop was the lone holdout, the New York Daily News reported. Thomas was subsequently convicted of manslaughter in a second trial.

The two had allegedly been romantically involved, with Diop visiting Thomas in jail over 30 times during his trial for the shooting of Abdoul Toure

in 2008, the New York Post reported in a related article.

After being the holdout in his hung jury, Diop then dated Thomas after the trial, but she may now face seven years in jail over statements she made during jury selection about not having been previously arrested, the Post added.

Diop pleaded guilty to perjury for her statements but said in a probation report that she had only made a mistake when answering the questions, the Daily News added.

Diop's sentencing has been postponed until March 22 so that Judge Linda Poust Lopez can review the case.

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Astoria, New York, — February 8, 2016: USA Vein Clinics, the only coast-to-coast vein clinic system in the United States, has announced its plans to open a new office in Astoria. This brings to 32, the number of offices that the award winning USA Vein Clinic has across the country. The new office is located at 30-33 Steinway, in Astoria. USA Vein Clinics (USAVC) has been voted "Best Vein Clinic" numerous times because of the advanced medical treatments it offers and its documented 100% customer satisfaction rating from patients with varicose veins and other venous insufficiency conditions. The ability to detect and treat potentially life-threatening venous insufficiency conditions is one of the reasons why USAVC is the only clinic with office locations spanning the nation.

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potentially life threatening venous insufficiency condition is lurking in the background, such as peripheral arterial disease (PAD). "We detect and treat these conditions, and return our patients to healthy lives."

Anyone experiencing leg aches or cramps, heaviness in the legs, restless leg syndrome, itching or burning in the legs, discoloration or non-healing wounds in the legs or ankles are urged to call and schedule a consultation immediately, even if they do not have significant varicose or spider veins.

"Even though Venous Insufficiency can be serious," said Dr. Katsnelson, "treatment is quick, painless, effective, non-invasive and covered by Medicare and most insurance plans.

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The doctors at USA Vein Clinics include graduates of Harvard and Stanford medical schools and are extensively trained in vascular medicine. USA Vein Clinics has offices in Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston, New York City, Philadelphia, Tinton, New Jersey, Washington DC, Georgia and Arkansas.

Thirty million Americans suffer with varicose veins. Fifty percent of all people over the age of 50 have varicose veins and 300,000 people a year die due to complications of vein disease. Varicose veins are painful and can cause other health issues such as ulcers and blood clots. Age, family history, obesity and occupations that require standing on the feet all day are risk factors for varicose veins.

Man arrested after Periscoping himself driving drunk: Cops

Police logged on and viewed his drunken streaming video.



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A Long Island man was arrested after police watched him broadcasting himself online as he was allegedly driving drunk.

On Sunday morning around 1 a.m., the New York State Police started receiving multiple calls describing an erratic driver headed westbound on Ocean Parkway in Nassau County, authorities reported. The driver was also using the live-streaming app Periscope to broadcast his intoxicated condition.

The driver was report-

edly holding a cigarette in one hand and his cell-phone in the other.

Police logged on and viewed his drunken streaming video, officials said. Using the live video feed to pinpoint the man's location, troopers were able to coordinate a stop to safely apprehend the driver on Wantagh Parkway.

Maj. David Candelaria, of the New York State Police told CBS2, there was "an odor of alcohol as soon as they approached the car."

The driver, Ahmed A. Almalki, 33, of Oyster Bay, failed sobriety tests and was charged with felony DWI, due to a previous DWI conviction, along with failure to use signals, speeding, unsafe lane changes and driving



Almalki NY STATE POLICE/NYSPNEWS.COM

across hazard markings, state police reported.

Almalki is reportedly a graduate student from Saudi Arabia and is studying business on Long Island, according to CBS2. He is due in court on Monday, March 14, according to the New York Daily News.

Almalki reportedly removed the video from his Periscope profile.

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Man pleads not guilty in wife's murder in New York suburb

A New York finance executive pleaded not guilty to murder on Tuesday in the slaying of his pediatrician wife, who was stabbed 22 times with a kitchen knife as she showered in their suburban Scarsdale home, authorities said.

Jules Reich, 62, who at the time of the Jan. 20 crime was listed as a partner at Manhattan based-accounting firm WeiserMazars on its website, was arraigned on an indictment for second-degree murder and criminal possession of a weapon.

"In what can only be described as an ambush, the defendant entered the bathroom while his wife was showering and repeatedly stabbed her to death," acting Westchester County District Attorney James McCarty said in a statement.

An 8-inch kitchen knife was used in the attack on Robin Goldman, 58, who worked as a pedi-



Jules Reich SCARSDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

atrician at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore in the Bronx borough of New York City.

The killing was the first in upscale Scarsdale in nearly 40 years. The village of about 17,000 in New York City's northern suburbs has an average annual family income of more than \$290,000.

The couple was in the middle of a divorce proceeding but was living in the same residence, a multimillion-dollar home 20 miles north of New

York City, the prosecutor said.

After the murder, a judge signed orders of protection for the couple's three adult children.

"Reich stabbed the victim 22 times resulting in wounds to the hands, chest, abdomen and back," McCarty said. "She suffered punctures to her lung, heart, diaphragm, liver and kidney. She died at the scene."

After the attack, Reich went downstairs and called 911, prosecutors said.

Reich is due back in court on April 5, said Robert Wolf, a Westchester County District Attorney spokesman.

If convicted of the murder charge, he faces up to 25 years to life in prison.

An attorney for Reich, Kerry Lawrence of White Plains, did not immediately respond to a request for comment. **REUTERS**

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Gun industry wants looser rules on silencers

The U.S. gun industry is trying to shake off the Hollywood hit man image of the gun silencer and rebrand it as a hearing-protection device in a campaign to roll back regulations that date to the 1930s.

Industry lobbying has led to more than a dozen states legalizing silencers for hunting since 2011. Now gun advocates are pressing Congress to repeal a Depression-era law that requires a months-long screening process for silencer buyers — far more scrutiny than gun buyers face.

Sales of silencers — or “suppressors,” as the industry prefers to call them — are booming. The number of silencers registered with the federal government more than doubled to 792,282 in February 2015 from 360,534 in March 2012, according to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Fire-



A Remington 1911 equipped with a silencer. GETTY IMAGES

arms and Explosives.

Despite their name, silencers can only quiet a gunshot to the level of a jackhammer — not much use for James Bond-style hit jobs.

Silencers are rarely used in crimes, according to a 10-year study published in 2007 by the Western Criminology Review. Researchers estimated silencers were involved in 30 to 40 of the 75,000 federal criminal cases filed each year. The study found only two federal cases involving a silencer used in murders.

Arizona Republican Rep. Matt Salmon said silencers could allow

soldiers and hunters to avoid the kind of hearing damage that has forced him to wear a hearing aid after 50 years of shooting guns.

“If we have something that mitigates that kind of hearing loss, we ought to be encouraging it,” Salmon said.

In October, he introduced legislation that would replace the silencer screening process with a simpler background check.

The lobbying push alarms some legislators and game wardens who believe quieter guns could make it harder to catch criminals and poachers.

“What legitimate reason does a person have to be wandering around the streets of a big city with a silencer?” asked Joe Mullery, a Democrat who represents a high-crime Minneapolis district in the Minnesota state legislature. REUTERS



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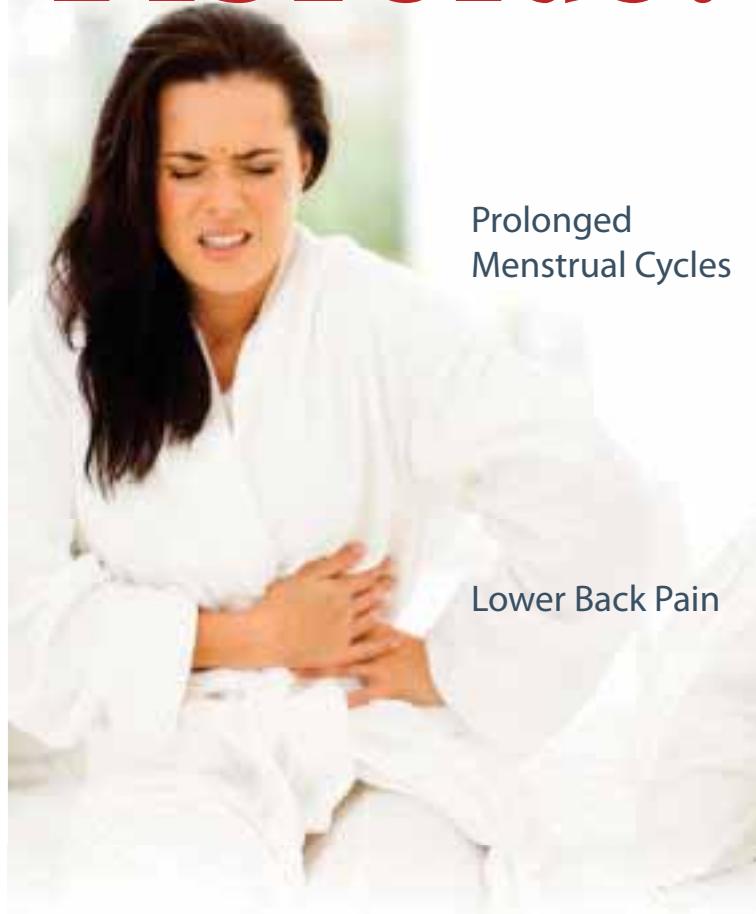
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Trump lacks foreign policy team, spurns criticism from abroad

Trump promised to name his foreign policy and national security advisers last month, told MSNBC that he has met with people but made no decision yet on who to advise him on global affairs.

Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump acknowledged on Tuesday he did not yet have a foreign policy team and dismissed criticism that his harsh rhetoric on immigration and threats to gut global trade deals would dam-

age America's standing on the world stage.

Trump told a Feb. 17 town hall event hosted by the network that he would name his advisers the following week, and last week said the list would come in another week or two.

Asked whether he had a team, Trump said on Tuesday: "Yes, there is a team. Well, there's not a team. I'm going to be forming a team at the appropriate time. I've met with far more than three people."

Foreign diplomats from Europe, the Middle East, Latin America and Asia have expressed alarm to U.S. government

officials about Trump, calling his public statements inflammatory and insulting.

The former reality television star shot back, saying diplomats are upset over his tough stance on trade and his promises to return jobs to the United States as he seeks the party's nomination for the Nov. 8 presidential election.

He has centered his campaign on illegal immigration, jobs and trade, criticizing China, Japan and Mexico, among others, and pointing to his business background as evidence he can negotiate with other countries.

Trump has said he

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"Every country is ripping us off in trade, and other things. And they know that won't happen with me. I'm going to bring trade back, I'm going to bring our jobs back ... I'm bringing it all back, and obviously they're not that happy about it."

Trump told Fox News



Donald Trump makes his way to an exit at a campaign rally in Concord, North Carolina. GETTY IMAGES

relies mostly on his own thoughts to determine his foreign policy stance.

On Tuesday, Trump pointed to Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions, who recently endorsed him, as someone he would consider for his team, adding that he would make a decision

"in due time."

Sessions is not known as one of the party's leading foreign policy voices in the Senate. He opposes comprehensive immigration reform and supports tight border security measures.

Trump has also an-

nounced endorsements from two foreign policy figures: former senior CIA officer Gary Berntsen, who was involved in major operations in Afghanistan after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, and retired military officer Jim Waurishuk. REUTERS



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Downtown NYC Medical Institute is a medical clinic with multiple locations in New York City that has treated thousands of knee arthritis patients. Here is what every knee arthritis sufferer should know about the best treatments and options available today. And why waiting drastically decreases your chances to live a pain free life again.

The information you are about to read can possibly save you from years and years of agonizing knee pain.

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Please pay careful attention.

What you are about to read is a cutting-edge medical treatment... but it is NOT what it appears to be at first glance.

In fact, I'm going to have to ask for a bit of patience from you if you have already **unsuccessfully** tried any (or many) other knee arthritis pain treatments.

You see, many knee arthritis sufferers had already tried the treatment we are going to talk about and did not get the results they wanted. But I assure you there is something VERY DIFFERENT about the technology and the way we do this treatment that makes it much different. And often gets results when many others have failed.

This is why patients come from all over

fluid-like compounds that... during viscosupplementation treatments... doctors precisely inject directly into the knee joint. This helps replace the lubricating fluid to the knee joint - allowing it to move more freely and smoothly and often decreasing or even eliminating the pain.

What Results Can Be Expected?

Like all medical treatments, the results vary and can not be predicted. In fact, it is impossible to predict results and there are no statistics proving what the "average" patients can expect. Everyone is individual and gets individual results - so we never tell anyone to expect the same results as any of our other patients. **But to be 100% clear** - many knee arthritis sufferers get dramatic results. It is not uncommon for patients to either postpone knee replacement surgery for years... or even permanently cancel it.

What Are Treatments Like?

Treatments are simple, fast and virtually painless. The total time of the procedure itself is only 10 minutes and most say it is like getting a flu shot. You walk out of the clinic just minutes after your procedure.

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But we do get one very common complaint.

And it is: "I wish I started this treatment much sooner." *Let's be very clear about this.* Time is the most precious thing. There is no way to slow it down - or get any back once it is gone.

All the more reason for you to not suffer even one more second than you have to. Missing life suffering in pain is a tragedy. It's time for you to get rid of your knee pain and start living the life you want and deserve.

And please understand this: One of the keys to success in medicine is early diagnosis and treatment. Like many diseases, arthritis only gets worse over time. The longer you wait - the more damage to your knee and the more pain you will be in. If you wait too long, the entire knee joint will be degenerated and your ONLY option will be total knee replacement.

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Kelly Clarkson doesn't like Dr. Luke either

While so far Kesha is the only singer to come forward saying superproducer Dr. Luke did anything inappropriate with her — you know, like sexual assault-levels of inappropriate — other pop stars are at least willing to chime in about how unpleasant he is. Take, for example, Kelly Clarkson, who admitted in an interview with Australian radio program “The Kyle and Jackie O Show” that Dr. Luke definitely rubbed her the wrong way. “A lot of artists that have worked with him don't work with him anymore for pretty good, solid reasons,” Clarkson says. “He's not a good person to me. We've clashed. I can't really say anything other than that.” Except she totally can: “He's a talented dude, but he just lied a lot. I've run into a couple really bad situations. Musically, it's been really hard for me because he will just lie to people and it makes the artist look bad. And he's kind of difficult to work with, he's kind of demeaning,” she adds. “Even the last time I worked with him, I only worked with him because literally I got blackmailed by my label. They were like, ‘We will not put your album out if you don't do this.’” Well that sounds like a lovely, healthy working environment.

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Why is Miley Cyrus trolling ‘Fuller House’ fans?



Miley Cyrus is under fire for using Instagram to dredge up the past — and not even on a Thursday! The “Wrecking Ball” singer for some reason posted a pair of side-by-side images of “Fuller House” star Jodie Sweetin from back in her more party-friendly days, straddling an unidentified tattooed man, along with the caption “Current Mood #fullerhouse.” Oh, and the reason the man she's on top of is unidentified? Because his face

has been obscured with cut-outs of the face of “Fuller House” co-star Dave Coulier. That's right, Uncle Joey. It's unclear why Cyrus is putting this out there, but if the comments on the photo are any indication, fans of Sweetin are not having it. “You shouldn't really rehash Jodie's past, she has moved on by this and has cleaned up her life,” one comment read. “Please focus on your own life.” And of course a lot of people just posted, “How rude.”

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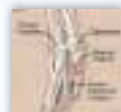
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Tinashe knows how to work the system. The 23-year-old rising star leaked her own track, "Party Favors," after feeling her label was slacking — and then leaked that she was behind the leak in an interview with Spin in December.

"It was something that I felt like I had to do to get the ball rolling," she tells us earlier this week from her home outside L.A. "I'm just that type of person, in general. I can't wait around for things to happen. I'll do it myself if I have to."

Her fans have taken a similar approach, leaking any tracks — new, old or unreleased — they

can get their hands on while they await the release of her sophomore studio album, "Joyride." This is good in the way that she knows they're dedicated; not so good in that her music is leaked without her knowledge or permission.

"Idk who leaks these things but it's a bit creepy/ invasion of privacy aside from being disrespectful to my art," she tweeted after "Secret," an unreleased track with DJ Mustard leaked in January. A leaked older track titled "On a Wave" featuring Drake leaked in June, but was quickly scrubbed from the Web. But the leak was all that was needed, because now it's known: a Tinashe-Drake track exists.

More than anything, the singer, born Tinashe Jorgenson Kachingwe, is serious about her work.

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The Kentucky native has a low-key home life with her family outside the city — overzealous fans leave love notes on her door, a too-close-for-comfort effort, she admits: "You learn to expect it if you want to be at a certain level of success" — and is self-taught in sound production and engineering. She can mix her own work and is an active participant the collaboration process.

"It started out of necessity, and not wanting to wait for people to do



Tinashe would like to drive. PROVIDED

things for me," she says. "It became me wanting to create my own body of work. [Knowing sound production] gives you a whole other level of perspective. When you know how songs are made, it doesn't limit you as a writer or a creator when you to be able to express exactly what you're thinking or seeing."

"Joyride" is set to drop

sometime this spring, and three tracks from the LP — "Player," featuring Chris Brown; the aforementioned "Party Favors"; and most recently, "Ride of Your Life" — are ready for public consumption. She's getting ready to head out on her own headline world tour (aptly titled the "Joyride Tour"), after opening for the likes of Katy Perry

and Nicki Minaj, who she somehow sweetly falls between stylistically. The tour will feature music from her forthcoming album.

"This time we're just trying to do it bigger and better," Tinashe says of this round of shows. "[The last tour] was a learning experience, and now I'm ready to step my game up."

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What it's like to act

Freida Pinto tells us all about the fruitful chaos of being in the director's new "Knight of Cups."



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Not everyone who acts in a Terrence Malick movie winds up in a Terrence Malick movie. He's notorious for eliminating actors in the editing process. His latest, "Knight of Cups," doesn't feature Joel Kinnaman, who, like some others, shot for a day but didn't make the cut.

Freida Pinto did make the cut. The Indian actress, 31, plays one of the six women Christian Bale's Hollywood player Rick romances through the movie. Partly due to the role's prominence, she knew early on she wouldn't be eliminated.

"I would tell people, 'I'm going to be in the Terrence Malick movie!' And they'd say, 'Um, I've actually been cut out of the film,'" Pinto recalls.

Reports about acting for the director — of such quasi-experimental films as "Badlands," "Days of Heaven," "The New World" and "The Tree of Life" — tend to include showing up on set with no clear notion of what you're doing, and maybe even why you're there at all. Even with an actual character to play, for Pinto it was no different.

When asked how he described the character to her, Pinto replies, "He didn't describe her. He just asked me to describe



Freida Pinto plays a model who briefly bewitches Christian Bale's Hollywood player

"You go on set and you're fully surprised. That's what life is. It throws you a curveball and you've got to act as soon as it's thrown at you."

Pinto

experiences that have shaped me." She wasn't even sure what her character was like.

"I remember when we were filming, I said a few things [to Rick] that were harsh and mean," she explains. "Then Terry — very sweetly, with a smile across his face — said, 'That's very out of character, don't you think?' And I was like, 'I don't know! I don't know what this character thinks!' Having seen the final cut, it makes sense."

This sounds like a chaotic way to work, even for a film with an experimental narrative being partly made up as it's shot (and

then later, in the two years it took to edit). But Pinto found it close to a spiritual experience.

"You go on set and you're fully surprised," she says. "That's what life is. It throws you a curveball and you've got to act as soon as it's thrown at you. When doing a Terrence Malick film, you have to be ever-present and just go with the flow."

She didn't realize until doing press that the film made her think about the industry and her own career. She took off with "Slumdog Millionaire," followed by a rash of roles in big Hol-

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in Terrence Malick's "Knight of Cups," in theaters Friday. BROAD GREEN PICTURES

lywood films, like "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" and "Immortals," both of which mainly regulated her to the pretty girl. She then found she was a flavor of the month, "re-placed" by fresh starlets.

"There's always going to be a new one. There's always going to be a new

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Wonder Woman as a feminist icon

When Gal Gadot was cast as Wonder Woman in "Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice," many people were unhappy. They didn't like that she's a model. They didn't like that she's skinny. People tend to complain about casting no matter who gets the part. Remember when everyone was upset that Heath Ledger was playing the Joker?

The thing is, Gadot has been taking this role so seriously that it's mostly shut everyone up. She constantly speaks about the character and has clearly put so much love into playing Wonder Woman that, whatever happens with

the rest of the film, I'm already sure I'll love her. In fact, the few people I know who've seen it have unanimously praised her performance.

In a recent interview with Glamour magazine, Gadot talked about how Wonder Woman isn't there as a love interest or to serve anyone else. She's independent. She also talked about feminism, which can get you a load of Internet pushback these days. Talking about it these days is brave.

Gadot said, "There are such misconceptions as to what a feminist is. Feminism is about equality. I want all people to have the same opportunities

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and to get the same salaries for the same jobs. I realize I'm doing what I want to do because of the women before me who laid the groundwork. Without them I wouldn't be an educated working mother who is following her dreams. I wouldn't be here."

Wonder Woman has been a part of the feminist movement for her entire history,



Gal Gadot (with Ben Affleck) may be a great Wonder Woman in "Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice." WARNER BROS. PICTURES

from her reflection of the Rosie the Riveter archetype in the '40s to the pushback in the '50s. She lost her powers in the '60s and ran a boutique when women were head-back out to work again. Feminist icon Gloria Steinem called for the return of her

powers in the early '70s, putting her on the cover of Ms. magazine. She's long been the most recognizable female superhero in the comic book world and after decades, is getting her very first shot at the big screen.

What's important here is

that, for many of us, Wonder Woman represents what we can be. She was powerful when most women weren't. She embodies the idea of equality. In the end, it doesn't matter who plays her but that we finally get to see her.

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Setting the



Sticking with a few key colors instead of a rainbow assortment will elevate the table's decor. SAUL METNICK

Want to freshen up that Easter brunch? It's all about the blooms. Here, we share pro tips for elevating your arrangements.



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It's been a while since we've had company. To be honest, it's been a while since we've eaten a meal at the table (winter is tough and couches are cozy — sorry, mom). But with spring on the horizon, Easter right behind it and Mother's Day, as always, closer than you think, that's about to change.

With this in mind, we checked in with Bronwen Smith, owner and lead designer of Manhattan's B Floral, for some tips on freshening up the brunch table. Because here's what Pinterest will never tell you: When beautiful, sophisticated flowers are in the mix, no one will notice the chipped coffee mugs, mismatched plates and paper napkins.

Think seasonal

Early spring boasts some of the most gorgeous blooms, so why not take a cue from the farm-to-table trend and stick with what's in season? "When picking flowers for spring table designs, we opt for common fan-favorites like peonies, tulip and sweet peas," says Smith. "Peonies add fullness and life to an arrangement, while tulips and sweet peas embody the overall essence of spring."

Keep it simple

Supermarket bouquets are stuffed with a rainbow of colors and stems, which is exactly what you want to avoid. For an effortlessly chic, elevated arrangement, pick one color and one flower. "If you're looking to take a DIY centerpiece to the next level, try a sleek, modern, monochromatic or mono-flower design that is simple yet stunning," says Smith. "Stick to varying shades of the same spring color, such as purple, to achieve a polished look." As for the vase, choose something unique but not distracting — it's a supporting character, after all.

Go beyond the bouquet

The problem with centerpieces is that, well, they're in the center. If you're feeling crafty and want to declutter the table, consider garlands or wreaths. "We love to think outside the vase and use flowers in the overall table design," says Smith. "Chair garlands add an unexpected touch, and floral wreaths show that flowers can shine outside of the vase." If you have little ones on the guest list, don't forget the flower crowns!

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The NCAA men's basketball tournament cranks up next week. GETTY IMAGES

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Jason Pierre-Paul is back with the Giants as he agreed to a one-year deal worth up to \$10.5 million on Tuesday, according to ESPN. JPP was courted by the Arizona Cardinals but said he had some "unfinished business to take care of" in New York. GETTY IMAGES

A look inside the business that is the NCAA men's basketball tournament.



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One could easily make the case that the NCAA men's basketball tournament is the second-most popular sporting event in the United States each year, trailing only the Super Bowl. Dollar figures certainly back that up.

A 30-second commercial during the men's national title game runs for a cool \$1.5 million while a similar spot during the NBA Finals costs just \$520,000. A Super Bowl ad costs more than \$5 million. (Figures

according to the personal finance site, WalletHub.com).

The main key to getting eyeballs to television sets during sporting events is to get both the casual fan and the jaded sports fan. The "root, root, root for the home team" type is already watching if their team is in it. It's the viewer with no traditional rooting interest that interests advertisers most and the easiest way to get people to "care" is if there's money on the line.

"Squares pools" during the Super Bowl are tiddliwinks compared to the number of people and the amount of cash wagered during March Madness.

WalletHub estimates that \$9 billion was wagered on the 2015 NCAA tournament (\$7

billion illegally) and estimates \$1.9 billion was the hourly loss amount by companies due to unproductive workers during March Madness 2015 (there are dozens of games played during traditional work days during the first two full days of the tournament).

Work for free

Around this time every year comes a national cry to have college basketball players, who pull in ungodly dollar amounts for the NCAA and their TV partners, to be compensated. Unfortunately for these athletes, it does not look like that's going to happen anytime soon as Northwestern football players were denied their request to form the first collegiate union for athletes by the National

Labor Relations Board last August.

"The NCAA is working very hard to avoid paying their athletes," said sports law expert Marc Edelman of Baruch College in New York City.

Place your bets

Two years ago in March, you couldn't turn on your TV set without hearing about "Warren Buffett's Billion Dollar Bracket Challenge." It was as wildly popular as it was different because it skated around gambling laws. You didn't have to wager your own money to enter this contest. You simply had to sign an online form at Yahoo.com that gave some basic personal info to the mortgage lending company, Quicken Loans.

To win the billion, all you had to do was fill out a perfect bracket. According to WalletHub, it is two times easier to win back-to-back Mega Millions lotteries than it is to fill out a perfect bracket. Needless to say, no one won the billion in 2014.

Last year, Quicken Loans, Yahoo! and Buffett's Berkshire-Hathaway all ended up squabbling in court over who came up with the idea first, and there have been no plans to reinstate the contest since.

And not only did the people behind the idea itself wind up having a problem with it, the NCAA did as well.

"The NCAA was very opposed [to the billion-dollar bracket], so much so that I received a phone call from someone

from the NCAA to discuss the issue," Edelman, who is also a featured blogger for Forbes Sports Money and Sports Law, said. "As a matter of law it was legal because there was no entry fee and it wouldn't be considered wagering. But some people implied that a \$1 billion prize would create incentive for individuals to fix the tournament."

Edelman added that the NCAA also has a major concern with daily fantasy sports, despite it helping to boost TV ratings.

"They're concerned that some athletes who don't have much money, and of course — they're not paid to play, will bet on or against themselves in daily fantasy," Edelman said. "The NCAA's big fear is having a major gambling scandal again."

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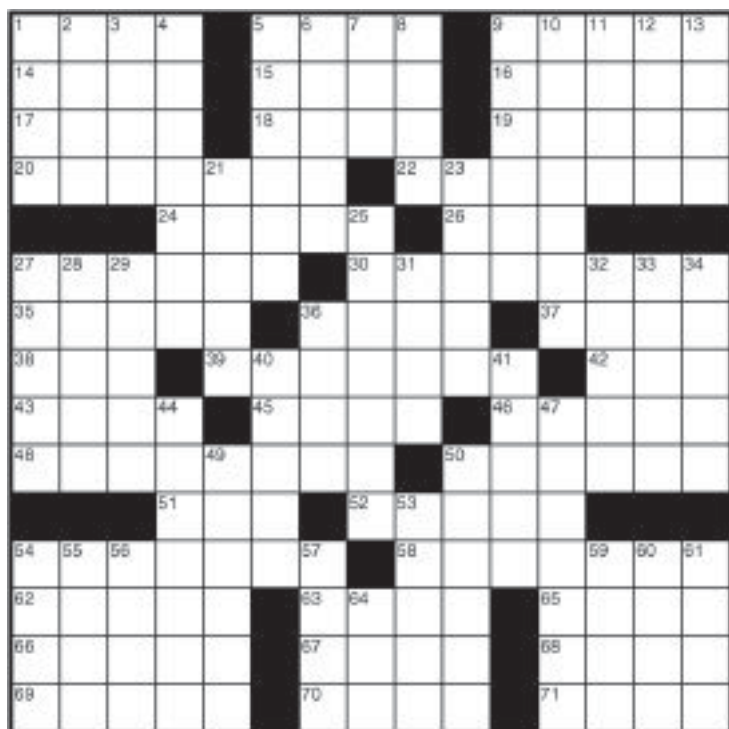
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Libra Don't worry about what everyone else is up to when you should be taking care of your emotional and physical well-being. Make personal changes that will bring you peace of mind.



Scorpio Jump into a situation ready to take on whatever challenge comes along. Mental stimulation coupled with creativity and talented people will lead to an interesting prospect.



Sagittarius Stay focused on what's important. Don't let situations spin out of control. Contain your emotions and avoid indulgent behavior that could lead to disaster instead of solutions.



Capricorn Don't worry so much about what other people are doing. Your goal is to follow through with your plans and to make the changes that will ensure your happiness and success.



Aquarius Take a new look at an old idea in order to see how you can turn it into a workable project with updates that were not available to you in the past.



Pisces Refuse to be pushed by someone bullying you. Sharing personal secrets will lead to a nasty rumor that will put you in a precarious position.

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